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Went to see the exhibition of the treasures of Portuguese silversmiths at the Louvre. It was very interesting, and there were some fine examples there belonging to the former Portuguese royal collections of silver and silver gilt, done by famous French and Portuguese silversmiths.

Marie Louise Bousquet lunched with us.

Tonight Jean Monnet and I had dinner alone in a private room at Prunier's. He had come to Paris for the wedding of a niece.

Jean was in fine health and spirits. It seems there was a unanimity of praise for him during the recent meeting of the Assembly at Strasbourg. He was asked by the Council of Ministers to reconsider his intention of resigning at the expiration of his present term, but remained unmoved.

He thinks the pro-Europeans have recovered a certain amount of optimism and will be prepared, if and when the London-Paris agreements are out of the way, to press forward for further consideration of their integration plans. The most effective way to do so, as a commencement, would be, he believes, by the election, through popular suffrage, of the members of a Common Assembly.

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